



Minutes of the Meeting of the Sway Planning & Transport Committee held on Thursday 10th January 2018, at the Jubilee Field Pavilion

Present:

Cllr Hugh Marchant, Chairman
Cllr Melanie Seacombe, Vice Chairman
Cllr Stephen Tarling
Cllr John Warden
Cllr Ted Fleat
Cllr Alex Pepper
Cllr Peter Dance
Karen Marshall, Tree Representative
Katie Walding, Clerk & RFO

In attendance: Sway News and 7 members of the public (MotP)

The meeting started at 7:30pm with a welcome from the Chairman.

PT19/001. Apologies

None received.

PT19/002. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Tarling and Warden are members of the New Forest Association. Cllr Marchant sits on the Planning Committee of the New Forest Association. Karen Marshall represents the Hatch Motors Volunteers group.

PT19/003. Minutes of the previous Meeting

The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting held on 13th December by those in attendance and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

Cllr Tarling reported in regard to 18/221 that he had met with the PCSOs attending the beat surgery the previous Monday. He had thanked them for their efforts but in light of the lack of interest from residents had suggested some changes for the future, including positioning themselves at places and times where there are groups of residents like outside the primary school at home time, and the train station during the morning commute. He would continue to monitor and communicate with the team.

PT19/004. Transport Representative's Report

Cllr Warden noted that it is difficult to keep up the Cango passenger numbers in winter. He reported that he had received a telephone call from East Boldre Clerk asking about the possibilities of getting involved with the Cango service as they had been notified that their local Saturday service was being discontinued. He was not sure it would prove viable but gave information and advice to her.

Cllr Warden has also drafted a letter to South Western Railway with regard to parking charges at the Station and the consequential congestion through use of Station Road for long term parking for commuters.

ACTION: The Clerk to reproduce the letter and circulate to full Council for approval prior to submission.

PT19/005. Tree Representative's Report

Karen Marshall reported on two new applications:



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TPO/18/1259 - Pollard 1 x Oak tree

Site Address: Entrance to Sway Court, South Sway Lane, Sway

This is a huge oak tree but is very misshapen. The application is to pollard the tree which seems appropriate and comes with the advice of a tree surgeon.

Response: no comment.

TPO/18/1250 - Prune 1 x Oak Tree

Site address: Wireoak House, Brighton Road, Sway

This tree is of high amenity value. The application is from a neighbour and includes pruning and the removal of dead wood. There is no tree surgeon consultation. While there is no problem with dead wood removal, the lack of any tree surgeon’s report on the need for pruning is of concern.

Response: we have some concerns that with no tree surgeon’s consultation it could result in damage to the tree.

Ms Marshall went on to report her continued communications with the NFNPA Tree Officer – Nik Gruber, who had offered to come and talk to the Committee about Tree Preservation Orders including the process, when appropriate to apply them and to answer questions. In consideration of the recent correspondence in regard to the Jubilee Oak, Ms Marshall recommended that the Committee invites the Tree Officer to attend a meeting. This should be promoted to residents who would hopefully come and help try to persuade them that a TPO is appropriate for the Jubilee Oak.

ACTION: Ms Marshall to invite the NFNPA Tree Officer to the March meeting and confirm to the Clerk.

PT19/006. Roads, hedges and ditches

Cllr Dance noted his concerns in regard to the potholes on Arnewood Bridge Road. They have been marked up since way before Christmas, but have not yet been repaired and now are even deeper. Cllr Tarling reminded members and the audience to add comments and complaints to the Hampshire County Council online reporting system. It was noted that HCC is liable (in respect of vehicle damage) as soon as notification of a pothole is acknowledged by them.

PT19/007. Rights of Way

(a) Rights of Way Vegetation Priority cutting lists 2019 – to approve response

Cllr Dance had identified two paths to be prioritised so far, being: (12) and (4). He would complete his report over the next few days and respond back to the Clerk for submission to HCC.

Cllr Marchant suggested that footpath (2) also be reviewed and possibly added to the list. Cllr Tarling added footpaths (11) and (7) to the list for review by Cllr Dance.

PT19/008. New Planning Applications

SWAY HOUSE COTTAGE, SOUTH SWAY LANE, SWAY, LYMINGTON, SO41 6BL Ref. No: 18/00916 Single storey rear extension; porch canopy; relocation of front door; alterations to fenestration	11 Jan 19
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Sway noted that this was an extraordinarily poorly and inaccurately put together application which the committee could not make much sense of in the limited time remaining, so we trust that the officer will feel able to make the correct decision.

HATCH MOTORS OF SWAY, STATION ROAD, SWAY, LYMINGTON, SO41 6BA Ref. No: 18/00946 Two storey building to include convenience store (Use Class A1); 4no. flats; 4no. new dwellings	15 Jan 19
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A number of MotPs were present and a spokesperson represented. Residents are not against the site development in principle. If the scheme was purely for housing this would cause no objection. If it were retail only, this would be less preferable (because of the impact on traffic and parking) but with careful planning the residents would accept. But with both dwellings and retail it was still unworkable.

They felt that the application would be poor for a development outside of a National Park, but inside one made a mockery of the Authority's alleged protection of the forest. The site is simply not big enough to cope with the proposed scheme.

It was noted that traffic, parked cars and access to the existing (much smaller) shop is already hazardous: Rowan Close is directly opposite the access to the proposed site and the house on the corner of Station Road and Rowan Close has had its wall rebuilt twice in the last 9 years due to turning vehicles. Cars are constantly parking and turning for the small, current shop. Exit from Rowan Close involves driving out to the brow of the road to gain visibility due to the parked cars. Already a considerable traffic hazard currently and will only be worse with the development.

The proposed parking regime on the current application, in reality, could not be imposed. The number of spaces remains inadequate, and with the minimum required size for spaces it would be quite a manoeuvre to get in and out of those spaces. The proposed store would be the same size as the existing Tesco at Brockenhurst which has a much larger dedicated car park and the available NFDC car park immediately opposite, as well as designated street parking along Brookley Road, *which is wider*.

The Volunteers' Group would shortly receive a report, commissioned by them from an independent highways consultant. This would be available for residents prior to 15th January (when the consultation period closes) so that residents could submit their comments.

It was noted that in the previous appeal dismissal the Inspector had commented on concerns in regard to staff parking which were still not addressed in this application. No buffer space had been allowed in the standards on this application. Parking spaces are minimum size and many local vehicles of estate and 4x4 size would overhang such spaces. The delivery vehicle tracking diagram indicates that all customer vehicles would need to be perfectly parked within the designated spaces but there is little available space to make such perfect manoeuvres. It was also pointed out that the delivery vehicle would be reversing blind around the corner of the building which is against health and safety guidance. The associated documents on the application were missing the NFDC report for refuse vehicle sizes, which were likely to be larger than the 9m length vehicle used on the current tracking plan.

CLlr Marchant – in the previous application dismissal, the Inspector sadly gives little consideration to the proposed new parking standards for the local plan since it is not yet in place.



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Cllr Seacombe – Sway must stick clearly to planning considerations since the Tree, Highways and Planning officers all indicate no objections to this application. The parking and vehicle access regime is certainly the primary area of concern to focus on. She also drew the members' attention to the landscaping plan, particularly around the edge of bay 1 where a beech hedge was proposed. This meant that whoever parked there would be reversing out 'blind' and could not see any vehicles entering the site. She also noted that the previously requested street trees which had been included were now missing again from the current application.

Cllr Tarling – noted the erudite and worthy points already made. He reiterated that Sway PC has always been in favour of redevelopment. He reminded everyone that when reviewing the first application, the Chair of the NFNPA had said it looked like two sets of plans for one site. Cllr Tarling felt that this was till the case. He noted that the latest appeal was dismissed purely on parking and turning – and this needs emphasis in the current response. He felt that the way the developer had attempted to address the parking and turning issues had compromised and made other aspects worse. In representing the village and residents it was surely not possible to support this application.

Cllr Warden – concurred with the points already made. He suggested that in practise many delivery drivers were likely to drive into Rowan Close and then reverse into the site across Station Road.

Cllr Dance – reiterated the importance for the Committee to support the views of the villagers.

Cllr Pepper – felt concerned that NFNPA were unlikely to reject this third application. She was fully in support of a recommendation for refusal but felt unconfident that the Planning Committee would reject again.

Cllr Seacombe – noted the Planning Officer's reference to the Builders Yard and felt that this could be used to highlight the issue of extra vehicles in that vicinity rather than (as was intimated) any justification for the intensity of the site development at Hatch Motors.

Cllr Warden – noted that lorries would need to come from the north of Station Road and return that way rather than coming in from B3055.

DECISION: 4. We recommend REFUSAL for the reasons listed below (unanimous)

Sway's comments:

- This scheme reduces the width of the access from Station Road, making the turn for delivery and other large vehicles even tighter.
- There is no provision for separate pedestrian access, so that shoppers must walk across the parking and turning tracks of vehicles on the site.
- The delivery vehicle parking/turning regime further increases danger with lorries reversing blind around the corner of the building in a very tight space (with no buffer zone added) and the tracking does not appear to accommodate any larger vehicles.
- The minimum size parking spaces rely on the use of small vehicles along with accurate and precise parking by residents and shoppers visiting the site and any deviation renders the proposed turning regime impossible.
- The scheme reduces the total parking for residents on the site by another 2 spaces.
- It further fails to address the question of staff parking (which was of concern to the planning inspector in the previously dismissed appeal who said "*I note that this appears to be based on no staff parking in the car park with a reason given that the retail operator employs locally. However, in a rural area such as this even local staff may need to use private transport, especially if starting early or finishing late.*"). 14 spaces for workers and shoppers is woefully



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inadequate and indeed the inspector commented “I understand that the proposal was assessed against Hampshire County Council’s car parking standards for this type of development. From the information before me the fourteen spaces falls below these standards”. Although the inspector also stated that “However, I am aware that these are maximum car parking requirements and therefore less car parking could be acceptable in certain circumstances”. Such circumstances do not apply here where, with no public car park available, this lack of parking provision will certainly cause a damaging effect on Station Road and likely Rowan Close.

- The current landscaping plan removes any street trees and includes a beech hedge which creates a blind spot for parking vehicles in bay 1.
- The curtilage of West View is not consistent across the plans and certainly not clear. Sway also believe that the repeated failure comprehensively to include West View in these plans is contrary to DP16 b.
- The application remains a highly over intensive development of such a small site.
- The design and delivery plan still require large vehicles to approach and leave the site via the north westerly route which is the most highly congested part of the village centre, rather than allowing more direct access from and to the B3055 to the South East.

It must not be forgotten that, should this application be approved, since the current site has been used for many years for sale of petrol and diesel fuels, there are significant issues relating to old underground storage tanks along with oil and other contaminants, hence all conditions relating to such matters as documented in the NFDC memorandum ref **EPCST/17/06641** in the previous application, must be considered.

CLAYWOOD HOUSE, ARNEWOOD BRIDGE ROAD, SWAY, LYMINGTON, SO41 6DA Ref. No: 18/00957 Completion of two storey side extension; single storey side and rear extensions; replacement windows; demolition of existing single storey extension	15 Jan 19
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DECISION: 5. We are happy to accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers (unanimous)

The Committee has no objection in principle. There are a number of anomalies in the application, including the drawings which show a lantern but the corresponding wording states a pitched roof, making it very unclear. Sway would suggest that the Design Officer be consulted and should be clear about which is actually being proposed.

TOWER HALL, FLEXFORD LANE, SWAY, LYMINGTON, SO41 6DN Ref. No: 18/00972 and Listed Building Application Ref. No: 18/00973 Insertion of 20 no. windows to existing window openings of tower and Application for Listed Building	14 Jan 19
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DECISION: 5. We are happy to accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers (unanimous)

The members would support the views of the Conservation Officer.

MERRIFIELD, FLEXFORD LANE, SWAY, LYMINGTON, SO41 6DN Ref. No: 18/00980 Single storey rear extension	24 Jan 19
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The dimension calculations appear to be incorrect, and Sway believe that the total area proposed is 15% greater than in the previous application 17/01093 (which was refused and dismissed on appeal). It is also larger than that proposed under permitted development rights in application 17/00796. Sway would urge the Officer to re-calculate before coming to a decision.

JUBILEE FIELD SPORTS GROUND, STATION ROAD, SWAY, SO41 6BE Ref. No: 18/00939 Application for a Certificate of Lawful development for a Proposed storage shed	Info only
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DECISION: No comment

PT19/009. Outcome of planning applications

- 18/00867 - Smugglers Way, Adlams Lane: Granted with conditions relating to tree protection
- 18/00833 – Holm Farm, Boundway: Granted
- 18/00831 – Rose Garth, 4 Normandy Close: Granted
- 18/00736 – Land at Quarr House, Manchester Road: Granted
- 18/00864 - Land of Switchells, Birchy Hill: Granted with all our recommended conditions
- 18/00624 - Springfield, Station Road: Refused in line with our recommendation
- 18/00964 – Twillingate Farm, Tiptoe: Decided (full application required)
- 18/00894 – Caled House, Manchester Road: Granted. The Officer noted no comments from Sway but since they were submitted as usual, the Chair had asked for clarification
- 18/00882 – Hilltop, Pitmore Lane: Granted
- 18/00866 – 7 Durrant Way: Refused in line with our recommendation
- 18/00674 – Land at Lower Mead End Road – Granted

ACTION: Going forwards the Clerk should copy all Sway responses to dev.control@newforestnpa.gov.uk

PT19/010. [Planning Enforcement](#)

No enforcement update had been received from the NFNPA since the December meeting.

PT19/011. Planning Inspectorate and Enforcement Appeals

Two appeal responses were submitted after the last meeting as minuted. Currently Sway awaits three decisions (Fyre Stychen, 37&37 Setthorns Road and Land to the rear of 1&2 Shelley’s Cottages). The Silver Hind continues to show as ‘waiting start date’.

PT19/012. NFNPA Planning Committee

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 15th January. No Sway applications appear on the agenda.

PT19/013. [Community SpeedWatch](#) and Vera

There were no activities over the Christmas period. All feedback from last year has now been received and full reports are online. Cllr Marchant noted that he had finally received a definitive statement on insurance limits for volunteers (attached as Appendix A).

Cllr Marchant went on to note that a response had been received from Hampshire Police in regard to the escalations – these have all been handled by neighbourhood policing team as per process. Every vehicle captured (whose details match the DVLA database) are sent a letter. SC 95704 James Trussler was seeking permission to better manage the process of escalations and would report back.



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Cllr Marchant gave an update on the positioning of, and statistics collected by Vera which showed the large volume of speeding vehicles particularly at the current location on Birchy Hill. He suggested that since SpeedWatch activities would be run w/c 21st January, Vera could be left at Birchy Hill for a few extra days so as to be incorporated into the rota to give the opportunity to monitor speeds with and without her presence. Following that she would be moved to the post at the corner of Jubilee Field just up the B3055 from Station Road, and after that would rest for a week as we are not permitted to return her to any location within 8 weeks.

There was some discussion on the benefit of identifying other suitable locations that already had poles present and could potentially be approved and included quite quickly, as this would remove the need for any down time whilst HCC scheduled in the replacement of two poles on existing, approved locations.

ACTION: Cllr Marchant to shortlist further locations for Vera.

Cllr Pepper noted that at the Brighton Road location, Vera was being triggered by traffic before entering the 30 mph zone. This is not a problem, but does mean that statistics collected while at that site could not be considered to accurately reflect the amount of speeding within the 30 mph zone.

PT19/014. Other items for discussion

- The Clerk noted that NFNPA planning application paper copies would cease from 1st March. It was agreed that for smaller, uncomplicated applications A4 prints would be made by the Clerk but for any larger, more complex schemes A3 prints would be provided.
- The Clerk had received notification of the UK Cycling Events Sportive to take place over the weekend of 13th and 14th April. She would publicise to warn residents nearer the time.
- The Police and Crime Commissioner’s survey seeking views on how much residents of Hampshire are willing to contribute towards the cost of policing locally is due to close at midnight on 12 January 2019. The Commissioner indicated that the precept could be raised to cover the increased demand in policing and volume of crimes.
- It was noted that the CPRE had invited all members to a debate on future of planning, to take place for 2 hours on Friday 8th February in Andover. The Clerk had previously circulated details including RSVP instructions.

PT19/015. Agenda items for the next meeting

None


PT19/016. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 14th February 2019

With all business concluded, the meeting closed at 21:30 pm.

SIGNED:.....DATE:.....



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RE: Speed Watch Records
 Kinsley, Belinda 24/12/2018 11:00
 To: 'Cllr Marchant';
 HampshirePolice2018ELCertificate.pdf

Hi Hugh,
 Merry Christmas to you too.
 Please see attached for Liability Insurance and below for the Personal Accident cover.

Insured Persons	Volunteers of the Insured, including Speedwatch Volunteers Personal Accident cover	Sum Insured
1 Death		£150,000
2 Loss of sight in 1 eye or loss of 1 limb		£150,000
3a Loss of sight in both eyes or loss of 2 or more limbs, or loss of sight in 1 eye and loss of 1 limb		£150,000
3b Loss of speech		£150,000
3c(i) Loss of hearing in both ears		£150,000
3c(ii) Loss of hearing in 1 ear		25% of above
4a Permanent Total Disablement		£150,000
4b Permanent Partial Disablement		Yes
5 Temporary Total Disablement		£150.00 per week for 104 weeks
6 Temporary Partial disablement		£75.00 per week for 104 weeks
7 Accidental Medical Expenses incurred in connection with a valid claim under item 1 – 6 of the policy not exceeding 25% of the compensation paid under item 1 – 4b or 30% under items 5 and 6, whichever of the greater but subject to a limit of £25,000 per person.		

Regards
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